

## House Resolution No. 1700

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, on March 16, 1897, in Odessa, Missouri, God brought one of two special gifts to John Stout and Emma Florence Wilson with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Gladys, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, Gladys R. Wilson, a cherished resident of St. Mary's Manor in Blue Springs, commemorated the truly resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Sixth Birthday with a special celebration on March 16, 2003; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Gladys Wilson had the opportunity to visit with friends from the Northeast High School Alumni Association which hosted the party; and

**Whereas**, Gladys Wilson graduated in 1915, the second class to graduate from Northeast High School, attended the University of Missouri-Columbia, and distinguished herself as a kindergarten teacher for forty-four years in the Kansas City School District; and

**Whereas**, at the age of 60, Gladys Wilson had the privilege of traveling to Europe, where she visited seventeen countries during a three-month stay; and

**Whereas**, Gladys Wilson has also enjoyed recognition by having March 16, 2003, declared Gladys R. Wilson Day by a proclamation from the Mayor of Blue Springs; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 106, Gladys Wilson is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her exceptionally long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and very special birthday greetings to Gladys Wilson as she proudly begins her one hundred seventh year of bringing joy and inspiration into the lives of others; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Gladys Wilson, as a measure of our tremendous esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bryan Pratt  
District No. 55

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1700, adopted April 9, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker